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1. Method for the protection of germinating seed coated with a pesticide, characterized in the seed-containing pellets and pesticide-containing pellets are sown as individual pellets at the same time.
  2. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets have substantially the same shape and size as the seed-containing pellets.
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  3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets comprise a dosis of pesticide that is sufficient for one seed germ.
  4. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets contain a filler material.
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  5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets and the seed-containing pellets have a substantially uniform diameter tanging from 0.5-5 mm.
  6. Pesticide-containing pellet to be used in combination with a seed-containing pellet.

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**MARKED UP COPY OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

1. Method for the protection of germinating seed coated with a pesticide, characterized in that seed-containing pellets and pesticide-containing pellets are sown as individual pellets at the same time.
2. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets have substantially the same shape and size as the seed-containing pellets.
3. (Amended) Method according to [claim 1 or 2] claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets comprise a dosis of pesticide that is sufficient for one seed germ.
4. (Amended) Method according to [any of the above claims 1-3] claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets contain a filler material.
5. (Amended) Method according to [any of the above claims 1-4] claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets and the seed-containing pellets have a substantially uniform diameter from 0.5-5 mm.
6. Pesticide-containing pellet to be used in combination with a seed-containing pellet.

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